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Manuel Cardenas, Individually and as Next Friend of X.X. and XY.X., Minors v. Amuel Trucking LLC and Amanuel Tamrat

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Injury or Damage Involving Case Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Attorneys

07/18/2023 Date Filed: Location: **268th District Court**

PARTY INFORMATION

Defendant or Amuel Trucking LLC

Respondent Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Defendant or Tamrat. Amanuel Respondent Fairfx, VA 20391

Plaintiff or

Cardenas, Manuel

Petitioner

Ryan Jon Browne Retained 214-526-7900(W)

Plaintiff/Minor Manuel Cardenas as Next Friend of X.X

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Plaintiff/Minor Manuel Cardenas as Next Friend of XY, X.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Plaintiff or Petitioner Cardenas, Manuel

Total Financial Assessment 384.00 Total Payments and Credits 384.00 Balance Due as of 08/06/2023 0.00

07/18/2023 **Transaction Assessment** 380.00 07/18/2023 E-filing Receipt # 2023-26946-DCLK (243.00)Cardenas, Manuel 07/18/2023 State Credit (137.00)07/27/2023 **Transaction Assessment** 4.00 07/27/2023 E-filing Cardenas, Manuel (4.00)Receipt # 2023-28601-DCLK Transaction Assessment 07/28/2023 12.00

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CAUSE NO. <u>23-DCV-306</u>138

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FRIEND OF X.X. AND XY.X., MINORS	§ §	Fort Bend County - 268th Judicial District Court
v.	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
AMUEL TRUCKING LLC AND	§	
AMANUEL TAMRAT	8	FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiff Manuel Cardenas, Individually and as Next Friend of X.X. and XY.X., Minors ("Plaintiff") files this Original Petition complaining of Defendants Amuel Trucking LLC and Amanuel Tamrat ("Defendants") and for cause of action states the following:

DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Pursuant to Rules 190.1 and 190.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff states that discovery in this cause is intended to be conducted under Level 3.

JURY DEMAND

2. Pursuant to Rules 216 and 217 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests a jury trial of this matter. Accordingly, Plaintiff tenders the proper jury fee with the filing of Plaintiff's Original Petition.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Manuel Cardenas is an individual residing in Harris County, Texas. Plaintiff Manuel Cardenas is the natural father of Minors X.X. and XY.X., and appears herein Individually and as a Next Friend and Legal Guardian of X.X. and XY.X.
- 4. Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC is a non-resident foreign entity that is doing business in the State of Texas; a current search of records from the Texas Secretary of State (a) does not reveal the correct corporate entity name, (b) does not reflect a regular place of business

in Texas, and (c) does not designate an agent for service of process. This non-resident entity is doing business in the State of Texas, therefore pursuant to CPRC § 17.044 service of process may be accomplished by service on the Secretary of State, Citations Unit, 1019 Brazos, Room 105, Austin, Travis County, 78701, who will accomplish service upon Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC by mailing a copy of the citation and petition to the Defendant by registered mail or certified mail return receipt requested to its President, Amanuel Tamrat at 1010 Woodbury Circle, Apt. 302, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

5. Defendant Amanuel Tamrat is a nonresident. A current search of records indicates that he resides at (and may be served by delivering a copy of the citation directed to Defendant and this petition, by and through his substituted agent for service of process, J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, pursuant to Tex.Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.062.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

6. Venue is proper in this Court by virtue of Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §15.002(a). Furthermore, this Court has jurisdiction in that the damages being sought are within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

FACTS

- 7. This lawsuit is based on a motor vehicular collision occurring on or about January 7, 2023 at the Northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 59 in Fort Bend, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "The Collision").
- 8. The Collision was proximately caused by the negligence and / or negligence *per se* of Defendants.

9. Defendant Amanuel Tamrat was working in the course and scope of his employment for Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff suffered serious, severe, and life altering injuries and damages.

CAUSES OF ACTION

Negligence, Negligence Per Se, and/or Respondeat Superior

- 10. At the time of The Collision, Defendants were negligent and / or negligent *per se* in one or more of the following particulars:
 - a. In failing to keep such a lookout as a person of ordinary prudence would have kept under the same or similar circumstances;
 - b. In failing to timely apply the brakes of the vehicle in order to avoid the collision in question;
 - c. In driving a vehicle at a rate of speed which was greater than that which an ordinarily prudent person would have driven under the same or similar circumstances;
 - d. In failing to yield the right-of-way;
 - e. In failing to maintain the vehicle under control;
 - f. In following too closely;
 - g. In disregarding traffic signals;
 - h. In failing to take proper evasive action;
 - i. In driving while inattentive;
 - j. In driving while looking at Defendant's cell phone, texting, emailing, or otherwise using a cellular device which diverted Defendant's attention from the road in front of Defendant; and
 - k. In violating Texas Transportation Code Section 545.4251 (use of portable wireless communication device for electronic messaging).
- 11. At the time of The Collision, Defendant Amanuel Tamrat was acting in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC. As a result, Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC is legally liable for the acts and omissions of negligence of Defendant Amanuel Tamrat under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.
- 12. Defendant Amuel Trucking LLC was negligent in hiring Defendant Amanuel Tamrat as a driver and negligent in allowing him to continue driving vehicles for them when they reasonably should have known that it was unsafe to do so. It was also negligent in its

- training of Defendant Amanuel Tamrat and its operation of its company vehicle system. Such negligence, singularity or in combination with others, proximately caused The Collision.
- 13. Each of the foregoing acts or omissions, singularly or in combination with others, constituted negligence and/or negligence *per se* which proximately caused The Collision and Plaintiff, X.X. and XY.X.'s injuries and damages.

PERSONAL INJURIES AND DAMAGES

- 14. As a result of Defendants' negligent actions, Manuel Cardenas suffered personal injuries.Consequently, Manuel Cardenas seeks recovery of the following damages:
 - a. <u>Medical Expenses:</u> Manuel Cardenas incurred bodily injuries, which were caused by The Collision and Manuel Cardenas incurred medical expenses for treatment of such injuries. Manuel Cardenas believes that, in reasonable medical probability such injuries will require the need for future medical care.
 - b. <u>Physical Pain</u>: Manuel Cardenas endured physical pain as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision and reasonably anticipates such pain will continue in the future.
 - c. <u>Mental Anguish</u>: Manuel Cardenas endured mental anguish as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision and reasonably anticipates such mental anguish will continue in the future.
 - d. <u>Disfigurement</u>: Manuel Cardenas endured disfigurement as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision and reasonably anticipates such disfigurement will continue in the future.
 - e. <u>Impairment</u>: Manuel Cardenas endured physical impairment as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision and reasonably anticipates such impairment will continue in the future.
 - f. <u>Loss of Earning Capacity</u>: Manuel Cardenas lost wages as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision. Manuel Cardenas reasonably believes that such injuries will diminish Plaintiff's earning capacity in the future.

- 15. As a result of Defendants' negligent actions, X.X. and XY.X. suffered personal injuries.

 Consequently, Manuel Cardenas, as Next Friend and Legal Guardian of X.X. and XY.X. seeks recovery of the following damages:
 - a. <u>Medical Expenses:</u> X.X. and XY.X. incurred bodily injuries, which were caused by The Collision and Manuel Cardenas incurred medical expenses for treatment of such injuries. Manuel Cardenas believes that, in reasonable medical probability such injuries will require the need for future medical care.
 - b. <u>Physical Pain</u>: X.X. and XY.X. endured physical pain as a result of the personal injuries sustained in The Collision and Manuel Cardenas reasonably anticipates such pain will continue in the future.
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AGGRAVATION

16. In the alternative, if it be shown that the Plaintiff, X.X. or XY.X. suffered from any preexisting injury, disease and/or condition at the time of the incident made the basis of the lawsuit, then such injury, disease and/or condition was aggravated and/or exacerbated by the negligence of the Defendants.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

17. As a proximate result of the above-detailed conduct on the part of the Defendants, the vehicle Plaintiff was in at the time of the collision was damaged in an amount in excess of

the jurisdictional limits of this Court, for which the Defendants are hereby sued and recovery is sought.

U.S. LIFE TABLES

18. Notice is hereby given to the Defendants that Plaintiff intends to use the U. S. Life Tables as published by the Department of Health and Human Services - National Vital Statistics Report in the trial of this matter. Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court take judicial notice of those rules, regulations, and statutes of the United States and the State of Texas, pursuant to Texas Rule of Evidence 201 and 1005.

RELIEF SOUGHT

- 19. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 193.7, notice is hereby given of the intention to use any of the documents exchanged and/or produced between any party during the trial of this case. All conditions precedent to Plaintiff's right to recover the relief sought herein have occurred or have been performed.
- 20. As required by Rule 47(b), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff states that the damages sought are in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. As required by Rule 47(c), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff states that Plaintiff seeks monetary relief in excess of \$1,000,000. As discovery takes place and testimony is given, Plaintiff will be in a better position to give the maximum amount of damages sought.
- 21. Plaintiff requests that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that this case be tried after which Plaintiff recover:
 - a. Judgment against Defendants for a sum within the jurisdictional limits of this Court for the damages set forth herein;
 - b. Pre-judgment interest at the maximum amount allowed by law;
 - c. Post-judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;
 - d. Costs of suit; and
 - e. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ryan J Browne

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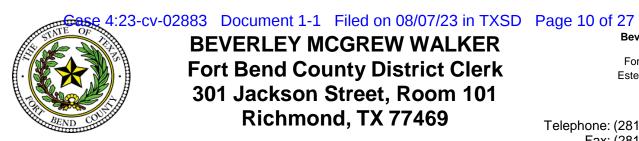
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RE:

ATTN: STEPHANIE

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this date, I am hereby paying an additional \$4 for citation issuance fee as instructed in the above referenced case.

Please issue citation and e-serve and/or email to AllianceTexas@hotmail.com. Feel free to contact Christian Barragan-Boyne with any questions.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ryan J. Browne
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The name and address of the attorney for **PLAINTIFF(S)** is:

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The name and address of the attorney for PLAINTIFF(S) is:

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DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW AMUEL TRUCKING LLC and AMANUEL TAMRAT, Defendants named in the above entitled and numbered cause, and files this their Original Answer, and for same would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

Defendants deny each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demands strict proof thereof.

II. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants assert the affirmative defense of contributory negligence as to the claims of Plaintiff, Manuel Cardenas, Individually, and would show that Plaintiff, Manuel Cardenas, Individually, is barred from recovery because his proportionate responsibility for causing or contributing to cause the harm for which recovery of damages is sought is greater than 50 percent.

III. JURY DEMAND

In accordance with Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants demand a trial by jury. Simultaneously with the filing of this demand, a jury fee is being paid on behalf of Defendants.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants **AMUEL TRUCKING LLC** and **AMANUEL TAMRAT** pray that the Plaintiff take nothing by this suit, that Defendants go hence with its costs without delay, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendants may show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

FEE, SMITH & SHARP, L.L.P.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS WILL CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served to all attorneys of record in this cause of action on the 7th day of August, 2023.

BRIAN G. CANO

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